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## Latest News

### **Inflation Rate Increases**

The Consumer Price Index rose 0.5% in January, after increasing by only 0.1% in December, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Consumer prices climbed 6.4%, well below the recent peak of 9.1% in June, yet it remains far above the Federal Reserve's 2% annual inflation target. More expensive gas, food and clothing drove up last month's figure.

Tuesday's consumer price report from the government showed that inflationary pressures in the U.S. economy remain stubborn and are likely to keep prices elevated well into this year. Rising costs will also keep pressure on the Federal Reserve to raise its benchmark interest rate further and to keep it there through year's end. [Click here](#) to read more.

### **State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program Survey**

As part of the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP), the commonwealth is conducting a survey to collect information from local governments who may be eligible to participate in this or future funding opportunities.

This brief survey is designed for townships to communicate needs for cybersecurity services, including intrusion detection and security awareness training. Feedback also communicates township interest in applying for cybersecurity funding. Responses by township officials or staff are due Thursday, February 23.

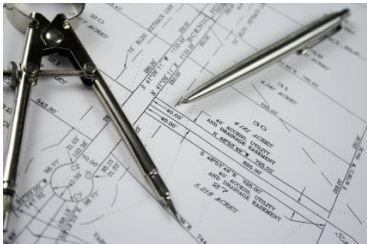
Please click the following link to access the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program Baseline Survey: <https://forms.office.com/g/3DUxFXBLzu>. Questions

regarding the survey may be directed to [RA-OACISO@pa.gov](mailto:RA-OACISO@pa.gov).

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## Learn

PSATS educational events will be listed as follows: Mondays – All webinars; Tuesdays – Administrative; Wednesdays – Planning/Zoning; Thursdays – Public Works; Fridays – Public Safety.



### [Fundamentals Of Zoning – The Why And How Of Zoning - 3/15/23 - Cumberland County](#)

This workshop explains why we have zoning, how we implement it, and the tools it affords townships to protect the public's health, safety, and welfare. The workshop is intended to educate both the newest supervisors and the ones who have seen it all.



### **Duties Of A Zoning Hearing Board**

From making decisions on contentious public issues to learning the ins and outs of the Municipalities Planning Code, being a member of a zoning hearing board can be a challenge. Attend this class to be better prepared for the next meeting or hearing.

[3/15/23 - Erie County](#)

[3/23/23 - Monroe County](#)

[3/28/23 - Lancaster County](#)



### [2023 PAAZO Spring Seminar - 4/23/23 - Dauphin County](#)

This educational seminar explores issues that zoning officers and planning/zoning officials face on a regular basis, and discusses effective strategies to address them.

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